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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

Subject: Parking facilities for Federal employees

Attached is a proposed Office of Management and Budget Circular dealing with the furnishing of parking facilities to Government employees.

Recent Comptroller General's rulings permit use of funds appropriated for general administration expenses to lease parking facilities for Federal employees. These rulings have come at a time of increasing concern about the environmental impact of actions which tend to attract additional motor vehicles into pollution prone areas. Also we are concerned that actions to increase parking facilities may be inconsistent with Federal programs to assist the development and effectiveness of public transportation systems in metropolitan areas. These concerns together with the potential budgetary impact of the Comptroller General decisions have called for a thorough examination of the circumstances under which parking facilities should be made available to Federal employees. The result of that examination is the proposed OMB circular which is forwarded for your review and comment.

Since the justification for providing parking facilities for Federal employees is not to confer a financial advantage on such employees, the policy proposed would establish a basis for reimbursement for use of such facilities which would be fair to the Government and equitable with respect to all Federal employees. The cost of parking is a part of an employee's total commuting expense by automobile between his home and place of duty. Clearly the Government should not assume a share of such commuting expense by providing free or subsidized parking for a select group of employees when others who pay for commercial parking or use public transportation do not receive a similar benefit. The proposed policy would assure that agency requirements and operating effectiveness are not hindered by the lack of adequate employee parking facilities while also assuring that the provision of such parking facilities would not serve to augment employee compensation at Government expense. Further, in view of the environmental problems caused by the operation of automobiles,

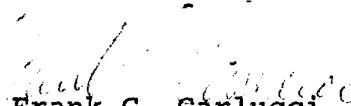
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especially in urban areas, and in view of the Government's support for public transportation projects, the policy would permit the acquisition or construction of the minimum parking facilities commensurate with the effective operation of Government agencies.

Questions concerning this matter may be directed to James D. Currie, telephone 395-3824 or IDS code 103, extension 3824.

We would appreciate receiving your comments by May 1, 1972.


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